XANTHOXYLUM FRAXINEUM.

Prickly Ash.

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PLATE LIX.

THE Prickly Ash is a shrub of middling height, found in woods and moist or shady declivities in the Northern, Middle and Western states. It is rare in Massachusetts and the states north of it, its localities being very circumscribed. After I had taken pains to procure specimens from Connecticut, I accidentally discovered a thicket of the shrubs in a wood in Medford, six miles from Boston.

Late botanists have placed the genus Xanthoxylum in *Pentandria Pentagynia*, although it is dicœcious, or rather polygamous. Its *calyx is inferior, five parted; corolla none; capsules from three to five, one seeded.* The *X. fraxineum* is *prickly, the leaves pinnate; leafets ovate, subentire, sessile, equal at base; umbels axillary.*